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SUBJECT: CORRESPONDENT TRAVEL REPORTING

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1. IN ANSWER TO PROPOSALS REF A, PARA 2, EMBASSY REGULARLY ENCOURAGES CORRESPONDENTS TO REPORT TRAVEL REFUSALS. IN WHITNEY CASE (REF B), NYT BUREAU REPORTED MATTER TO US LATER THAN USUAL BECAUSE OF HEAVY INVOLVEMENT IN WHITNEY-PIPER TRIAL.

2. EMBASSY HAS CONSIDERED QUESTION OF INCLUDING CORRESPONDENTS' TRAVEL STATISTICS IN MONTHLY REPORTS AND CONCLUDES THAT FOR SEVERAL REASONS IT IS BEST TO CONTINUE WITH PRESENT SYSTEM, UNDER WHICH INDIVIDUAL CORRESPONDENTS REPORT TRAVEL TURNDOWNS AS THEY OCCUR: A MORE DETAILED STATISTICAL SURVEY WOULD REQUIRE CORRESPONDENTS TO SEND IN MONTHLY TRAVEL REPORTS TO EMBASSY OR COPIES OF EACH TRAVEL NOTE. MANY REPORTERS WOULD OBJECT TO THIS APPROACH ON GROUNDS THAT IT INVOLVES THEM TOO CLOSELY WITH EMBASSY, WHILE OTHERS WHO ARE LESS ENTHUSIASTIC WOULD NEVER FILE ANY REPORTS, THUS CASTING DOUBT ON VALIDITY AND TIMELINESS OF STATISTICS ASSEMBLED.

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3. AT PRESENT, EMBASSY SENDS OUT ANNUAL QUESTIONNAIRE TO CORRESPONDENTS WHICH REQUESTS INFORMATION ON NUMBER OF TRIPS TAKEN AND NUMBER OF TRIPS REFUSED. THIS MORE LIMITED APPROACH HAS ACHIEVED GOOD RESPONSE AND EMBASSY WILL PROMPTLY REPORT RESULTS OF NEXT ANNUAL SURVEY, DUE TO TAKE PLACE IN JANUARY OF 1979. TOON

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